Orchard Lea Federation

Uniform Policy

Every Child, Every Day

Date agreed: September 2025
Date for renewal: September 2026

Our vision for all our pupils is that we wish them to be able to *aspire, collaborate, inspire and care* so that they can be the best they can be. In order to achieve this, we believe that it is important that pupils come to school feeling that they belong, are equal to their peers, are safe and feel comfortable. It is our aim that our uniform policy supports this view. In addition to this, we aim to have the highest standards in our school and expect pupils and staff to take pride in belonging to our community. We believe that uniform guidelines help support pupils to prepare for future schooling and future rules in the workplace. Finally, we teach pupils to respect all rules and we believe that following uniform guidelines supports this.

What do we expect?

We expect pupils to look smart and tidy and to select their daily uniform from the list below. Whilst logo items can look smart, we do not expect parents to pay for any logo items and encourage families to shop around for cheaper items.

Daily items:

INFANT	JUNIOR
Essential and non-negotiable	**Essential and non-negotiable**
• Navy blue jumper or cardigan • White polo top long or short sleeved • Grey trousers, smart grey school shorts (not cycling shorts), skirt, culottes, or pinafore • Black school shoes • Plain grey, black or white tights or socks • Coat any colour and we prefer a waterproof coat • Wellingtons for pupils in Year R & Year 1 • Waterproof trousers Year R	• Royal blue jumper or cardigan • White polo top long or short sleeved • Grey trousers, smart grey school shorts (not cycling shorts), skirt, culottes or pinafore • Black school shoes • Plain grey, black or white tights or socks • Coat of any colour

Optional	Optional
• Blue and white summer dress • Orchard Lea fleece: no hoods • Dark coloured headscarf	• Blue and white summer dress • Dark coloured headscarf

PE kit

INFANT	JUNIOR
Essential and non-negotiable	**Essential and non-negotiable**
• White t-shirt • Blue or black shorts • Trainers or plimsolls	• White t-shirt • Navy shorts • Trainers or plimsolls
Optional	**Optional**
• Tracksuit black or navy	• Tracksuit black or navy

***Please pupils will change for PE in school and must wear their uniform to school on PE days.**

School bags

- Book bags can be purchased at one of the Year R parent evening meetings and can be used until the end of Y2.

- Reception and Years 1/2: Please do not send your child with a rucksack/backpack or any other bag.

- Years 3-6: A small backpack is allowed.

Accessories

In addition to the daily items, pupils are permitted to wear the following accessories:

- One small pair of stud earrings (these must be removed for PE)
- Watch: NOT a Smart watch. Fitbits can be worn at the owner's risk.
- Discrete, plain headbands and hairbands in a dark colour such as black, grey or blue.

What is not acceptable?

Pupils are **not** permitted to:

- Wear additional jewellery
- Wear make-up, nail varnish or false nails
- Come to school with dyed/coloured hair, shaved hair styles or fashion hair styles. This includes no designs in the hair, tramlines or undercuts of any sort.
- Wear heeled shoes or trainers.
- Cycling shorts or very short skirts

Helping with costs

We appreciate that buying and maintaining uniform is costly. In order to support with this, we promote the following:

- Please clearly label all items your child wears to school. Each year a lot of items of clothing end up in our lost property without a name and are not claimed.
- As stated above, parents should not feel that they need to buy costly items with the school logo on.
- Both schools run sales where parents can purchase second hand uniform very cheaply.
- Please donate any items your children have finished with to the school via the office, so that we can sell them on again.
- Where we can, we will help families with costs. Please speak to the school office or the Head of School, if you need some financial support as we may be able to help you.
- We have a box of good quality items in each school entrance and parents are welcome to take any of these items as required.

Noncompliance

We expect all our pupils to wear the expected uniform and believe that within the daily list there is choice for all. If for some reason your child is unable to come into school in the correct uniform (for example, shoes have broken) then please speak to a member of staff so that we are aware. If you are experiencing any other difficulties in supporting your child to wear the uniform, then please contact the school and we will support with this.

Should we feel that there is not a sufficient reason for a child to not be following our policy, then we will call the parent in the first instance. Following this, we will issue a sanction in from our behaviour policy.

Specific requests

Should you wish to request an adjustment to the policy- for example, if your child has a sensory issue or for a religious reason - then please contact the school and a member of staff will be happy to meet with you.

Complaints

To date we have not had any formal complaints about our uniform and most concerns are usually sorted by speaking to a member of staff. However, should you feel that you would like to make a more formal complaint then please speak a school leader in the first instance. You can also find a copy of our Complaints Policy on our website.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.